Public Sector Undertakings in Bihar

3413. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have identified those Public Sector Undertakings of Bihar which are not functioning satisfactorily for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details therof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the working capacity of these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). There out of fifteen Central public sector enterprises having their registered offices in the State of Bihar have incurred losses during the last 3 years, i.e. 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 upto which period only the information is available. These enterprises are M/s. Bharat Refractories Limited, Engineering Projects (India) Limited and Projects and Development India Limited. Some of the main reasons for the losses are escalation of input costs, surplus manpower, power shortages, low capacity utilisation, etc.

(c) Improving working capacity of these undertakings is a continuous process. Enterprise specific remedial action is taken by the Government and the enterprise concerned. Some of the measures taken are modernisation and rehabilitation plans; financial, managerial and organisational restructuring; change in product-mix, etc.

Drinking Water Supply in Bihar

3414. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special scheme to supply drinking water in Chhota Nagpur-Santhal Pargana area in Bihar with the assistance of World Bank or any other international agency is being launched;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure involved in each scheme and when it is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the work under the said scheme has been delayed; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Pending Projects of Bihar on Drinking Water

3415. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects forwarded by the Government of Bihar for approval to the Union Government in 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 in regard to the problem of drinking water;

(b) the action taken on each of them separately till date; and

(c) the amount sanctioned by the Union Government for this purpose during the above periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The State Government had forwarded the following schemes for technical clearance in 1989-90.